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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Tenders for the printing of bus passenger tickets.

9 *Q.*—Sri T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether and if so when tenders were called for, for the printing of passenger tickets for the State Transport buses; and

(*b*) what are the firms whose tenders were accepted during the years 1947 to 1952; and what are the rates tendered for by each of the tendering firms and the rates accepted by the Government?

A.—(*a*) Quotations were invited for printing and supplying tickets for the State Transport from 1949 onwards.

(*b*) During the period 1947–48 as nationalization of the City Bus Service was not complete, the Department's small requirements of tickets were supplied by different printers at different rates depending on the quality of paper and type of tickets. The rates were approved by the Superintendent, Government Press. The following statement shows the names of the printers and the rate charged by them during the years 1947–48 :—

Year.	Roxy.			Active.	Addison and Company.	Odeon.	Devi.
(1)	(2)			(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1947	107	8	0	125	100	...	..
1948	110	0	0	100	115	110	115

When quotations were invited in 1949, Messrs. Golden Press quoted the lowest rate of Rs. 90 for printing and supplying 1,000 ticket blocks of 100 leaves each and the rate was approved by the Superintendent, Government Press.

The rates quoted by the other firms are shown below :—

Printer's name.	Rate per 1,000 block of 100 each.			Conditions stipulated.
(1)	(2)			(3)
	RS.	A.	P.	
Janatha Press, Triplicane ..	100	0	0	Nil.
Mani & Sons, Madras ..	135	0	0	Nil
Devi Press, Kilpauk ..	92	8	0	Major number of denomination requested, business guarantee for one or two years, if possible.
Fenn Thompson, Vepery ..	125	0	0	Nil
Roxy Press, Vepery ..	100	0	0	Nil.

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Printer's name. (1)	Rate per 1,000 blocks of 100 each. (2) RS.	A.	P.	Conditions stipulated. (3)
Active Printers, Georgetown.	95	0	0	If order is up to 10,000.
	90	0	0	If order is up to 30,000.
	88	0	0	If order is up to 50,000.
	86	0	0	If order is up to 75,000.
	85	0	0	If order is up to 1,00,000.
Odeon Printers, Vepery ..	150	0	0	Nil.
Associ ted Printers, Mount Road.	95	0	0	Nil.
Royal Printing Works, Mount Road.	90	0	0	Paper not up to the quality specified.
Do.	145	8	0	Do.
Do.	153	8	0	Do.

Subsequently, however, the following firms also agreed to and supplied the tickets at the accepted tender rate, viz., Rs. 90 for 1,000 ticket blocks of 100 leaves each :—

1 Messrs. Associated Printers,
2 ,, Active Printers,
3 ,, Golden Press,
4 ,, Roxy Press,
5 ,, Odeon Press,
6 ,, Fenn Thompson Company,
7 ,, Devi Press, and
8 ,, Janatha Press.

Communities eligible for help by the Harijan Welfare Department.

10 Q.—Sri V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) the communities eligible for help by the Harijan Welfare Department;

(*b*) the classes and sections eligible for adm ssion to land colonization co-operative societies.

(*c*) for whose benefit the Ganapavaram Land Colonization Society in Guntur district was organized and to which community the members belong;

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(*d*) how many of them are landless poor and local residents;

(*e*) what is the extent of land assigned to the society and the average holding each member has got;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the land is fit for wet cultivation; and

(*g*) what are the financial commitments of the Government regarding the society?

A.—(*a*) A list [a] of communities eligible for help by the Harijan Welfare Department is appended.

(*b*) Political sufferers; ex-servicemen of the II World War, including I.N.A. personnel who do not possess more than 5 acres of wet or 10 acres of dry land and landless poor persons including Harijans and Backward classes.

(*c*) The society was organized for the benefit of ten landless poor persons and twenty persons owning small extents of land ranging from 2 to 4 acres each. All the members belong to the Kamma community.

(*d*) Ten members.

(*e*) An extent of 360·35 acres of land has been assigned to the society for allotment at about 10 to 12 acres to each member. The lands have not yet been divided and allotted to each member.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The financial commitment to Government on account of the scheme are (1) a free grant of Rs. 2,450, and (2) an interest-free loan of Rs. 2,000.

Employment for ex-tappers.

11 *Q.*—SRI G. LATCHANNA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the districtwar figures of population of ex-tappers and their dependents in the Madras State;

(*b*) the steps so far taken by the Government to provide them with alternative means of livelihood; and

(*c*) how many ex-tappers in each district have been actually provided with means of livelihood so far, and the rate of their daily earnings?

A.—(*a*) *and first part of clause* (*c*) The population of ex-tappers in each district and the number of ex-tappers provided with alternate employment are given in the Annexure.[b] The information regarding their dependents in each district is not available.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 383–386 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix V on page 386 infra.

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(b) To provide the ex-tappers with alternate employment, Government permitted the tapping of palm juice for the manufacture of jaggery on a co-operative basis and jaggery manufacturing societies were organized almost throughout the State. In view of the potentialities of palm gur industry to provide work to the ex-tappers, the staff of the Co-operative department have launched a scheme for giving State-wide training to the ex-tapper members of jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies in the improved method of production of jaggery and for introducing the industry in the areas where the tappers were not quite familiar with it. Government have sanctioned a subsidy of Rs. 10,000 to be distributed to ex-tappers towards half the cost of gur making implements purchased by them. With a view to enable the ex-tappers who are members of palm jaggery societies to take to dairying as a subsidiary occupation, interest-free loans from Government for the purchase of milch animals were permitted to be given to them. In addition to jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies, Milk Supply Co-operative Societies, Land Colonization Co-operative Societies, Cottage Industries Societies. Tenants' Co-operative Societies, Labour Contract Societies and other special types of societies, were formed to provide ex-tappers with employment through them. The cultivable waste poramboke and lanka lands are also assigned to the deserving tappers through co-operative societies wherever feasible. They were also trained in hand-spinning and admitted as members of Khadi Development Co-operative Society to enable them to pursue the industry. Steps were also taken to provide work to the ex-tappers in other modes of employment of unskilled workers in industrial concerns as peons, watchmen, etc., in Government and other institutions and as gang coolies, chowkidars, etc.

(c) *Later part of clause* (c) An ex-tapper family consisting of a man, a woman and a boy earns about Rs. 2–8–0 to Rs. 2–12–0 a day on an average by tapping 25 trees. It is not possible to assess the daily earnings of the ex-tappers in the other modes of employment provided in co-operative societies, such as dairying, contract labour, etc., as they are only of a subsidiary nature.

Ameliorative measures for ex-tappers.

12 Q.—Sri S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) the number of ex-tappers in Nellore district and their dependents; and

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(*b*) the ameliorative measures that have been taken by the Government for them?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The member's attention is invited to the answer to unstarred question No. 11 (previous question).

Medical officers deputed to Hyderabad State.

13 *Q.*—Sri S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Medical officers who were deputed by the Government of this State to Hyderabad State after the Police action;

(*b*) whether they were sent on promotion; and

(*c*) the number of Harijans, Scheduled Tribes, Christians, Muslims and Backward Classes among them?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) No Medical officer was deputed by this Government to Hyderabad State after the Police action.

Remarks in confidential files of Government servants.

14 *Q.*—Sri S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the remarks in personal confidential files of Government servants are communicated to the persons concerned or not?

A.—Adverse remarks which are remediable or explainable by the official concerned are communicated to the Government servants concerned.

Andhra Paper Mills, Rajahmundry.

15. *Q.*—Sri S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any foreign expert in Andhra Paper Mills, Rajahmundry, at present;

(*b*) if so, what is his pay per month including all allowances;

(*c*) the number of hand-made paper units sanctioned in 1949; and

(*d*) whether they are reported to be working satisfactorily?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

(*c*) Nil.

(*d*) The question does not arise.